



# The Town Crier

A Newsletter from the Town of Warrenton



## Fun-For-All Park Opens At WARF

The Warrenton Aquatic and Recreation Facility's (WARF) newest addition, the Claude Moore Fun-For-All Playground, is completed and is now open to the public. The playground, which is located next to the WARF, is true to its name – Fun-For-All. It's a playground that's accessible and fun for all children, regardless of their physical or cognitive abilities. It's a place that will help children with their physical, social and psychological development in an inclusive environment.

The new playground's features include a rubberized surface, accessible parking and sidewalks, barrier free ramp systems, bright colors, a variety of textures, bells, whistles, quiet nooks, swings, slides, spring toys, monkey bars and much more!

The WARF will now be offering Playground and Picnic Parties adjacent to the new Fun-For-All Playground. Rent the outdoor space (Veranda) next to the WARF and celebrate at the Fun-For-All Playground. For reservation information, contact the Front Desk at (540) 349-2520. ■



*The new playground is truly unique. Most playgrounds are not accessible to special needs children.*



*The official ribbon cutting of the Fun-For-All Playground at the WARF was a joyous occasion for the many community volunteers who worked so hard to make it happen. And of course, it was a reason to cheer for children, regardless of their special needs.*



*The Fun-For-All Playground is open to everyone... even "big" kids.*

# Fun for All!

# News From The WARF

## Fall Programs at the WARF

The Warrenton Aquatic and Recreation Facility is the place to swim, run and play this fall! Two of the facility's new specialty classes, Flow Yoga in the Water and Outdoor Bootcamp, are off to a great start. Registration has closed for these classes, but be on the lookout for new sessions starting up in the future.

Another new class at the WARF, Zumba Toning, is also off to a great start. Come to experience a combination of cardio and dynamic resistive exercises. Zumba Toning is fun, different, challenging and provides a new avenue to weighted activity. Registration is not required for Zumba Toning; the class is free for members and is available for drop-in non-members. Other classes available at the WARF for drop-ins include: Cycle, Sculpt, Functional Core, Pilates, Yogalates, Fit Yoga, Gentle Yoga, Strength & Stretch, Gentle Core, Zumba, Zumba Gold, Jab Kick & Core, Water Aerobics, Water Walking and more. These classes are included in membership and are only a small fee for non-members. Try a class today!

The WARF is still taking registrations for Fall Aquatics. Classes that are available include Parent & Child (ages 6 months to 3.5 years), Preschools 1 - 3 (ages 3.5 years to 5 years), Levels 1-6 (ages 6 years to 16 years), Fitness Swimmer (ages 14 and up) and High School Prep (ages 13 - 18). Those interested in getting an organized lap swim workout should try the Fitness Swimmer class. There is a class for every age and ability level.

CPR/AED Re-cert and WSI Certification classes will also be starting soon. Stop by the Front Desk for more information and to register.

## The WARF Hosts the 1st Annual Warrenton Triathlon

The WARF hosted the Warrenton Triathlon on Sunday, September 19. Over 200 people participated, ranging in age from 13 years to 85. Participants came from all over the Virginia, DC, and Maryland area. The race began in the facility's Competition Pool with the 300-yard swim. The bike portion of the race continued up Route 211 and circled back to the WARF from Old Waterloo Road -- a total of 11 miles. The 5k running portion of the race took participants through surrounding WARF trails, with a finish line at the entrance of the WARF. A relay team comprised of Mayor George Fitch, Town Manager Ken McLawhon and WARF Aquatics Supervisor Matt Keiper competed as "Dennie's Team" in memory of Dennie Sutherland, Town Councilman, who passed away in August. The team finished first out of 5 teams with a time of 1 hour and 10 minutes.

## High School Swim Season Here

High School Swim Season at the WARF will officially begin on November 15. Teams that will be practicing and competing at the WARF include Fauquier High School, Liberty High School, Wakefield School, Highland School and Middleburg Academy. Rentals from local swim teams help to increase traffic and revenue for the WARF while also helping local youth to have more opportunities to develop their interest in swimming. This will be a busy time of year at the WARF. For a detailed Lap Lane Availability Schedule and a Swim Meet Schedule, please visit the Front Desk or the WARF's website at [www.warrentonva.gov](http://www.warrentonva.gov).

## New Food Vendor At WARF

New to the WARF this October is Café Blue, a hands-on, made-to-order café that will feature soups, sandwiches, salads and more. Café Blue began with a limited menu, but will soon have a full-fledged smoothie bar, homemade flatbread pizzas and sandwich melts to entice foodies of all ages. Operated by Legends Catering, the Café will be an easy way to have a healthy snack before or after your workout. Café Blue will be open to the public Monday - Friday 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM and weekends from noon to 5:30 PM. ■

### *In Remembrance*



**Dennie Sutherland**

TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER AND  
BELOVED FRIEND OF THE WARF  
MAY 26, 1946 - AUGUST 15, 2010

## New Councilman Appointed For the Third Ward

By vote of the Town Council, on September 14th, Warrenton resident Yakir M. Lubowsky was appointed to complete the term of Third Ward representative Dennie Sutherland. Sutherland passed away in a tragic accident in Mid-August while at the Outer Banks, in North Carolina.



Lubowsky is a business, legal and political strategist who moved to Warrenton from New York City in 1998. He has been active in local civic affairs for the past ten years.

Lubowsky is currently president of the Fauquier Historical Society, and is past president of Citizens For Fauquier County (CFFC). He also serves on the boards of the Balanced Growth Alliance (BGA) and the Land Trust of Virginia and is a director of four other civic organizations. In 2009-2010, he was also a member of the Superintendent's committee which wrote the Fauquier School Division's strategic plan.

Lubowsky lives in Brookshire with Claire, his wife of 22 years, and with their two daughters, Margot and Cassandra, both students at Fauquier High School. His contact information is on the cover of this Newsletter. ■

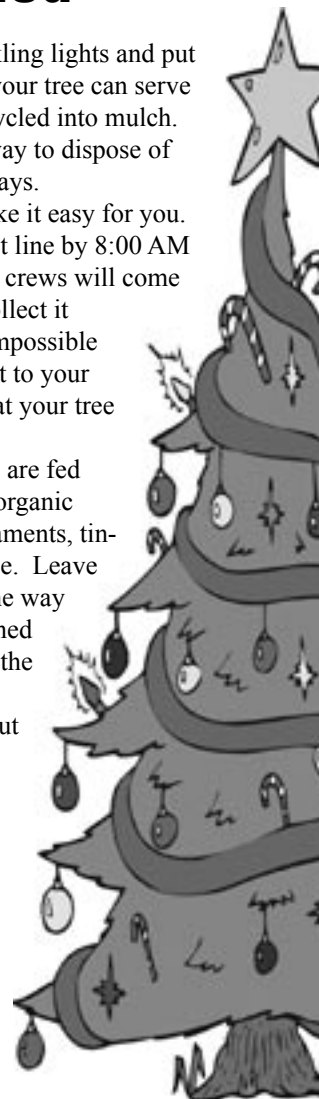
## Even Christmas Trees Can Be Recycled

After you switch off the twinkling lights and put away your Christmas ornaments, your tree can serve yet another purpose. It can be recycled into mulch. This is the best and most natural way to dispose of your Christmas tree after the holidays.

Town of Warrenton crews make it easy for you. Just place your old tree at the street line by 8:00 AM on Monday, January 10, 2011, and crews will come through your neighborhood and collect it between January 10 and 14. It's impossible to say which day the crews will get to your neighborhood, so it's important that your tree be out there early on the first day.

Remember that since the trees are fed through a chipper and turned into organic mulch, you should remove all ornaments, tinsel, lights and stands from your tree. Leave your tree outside at the curb just the way nature made it, and it will be returned to the good earth as mulch around the trees and gardens of Warrenton.

If you have any questions about Warrenton's Tree Collection, call Public Works at (540) 347-1858. ■



## Bag-Nabbit!

As a Town resident, you can "nab" your supply of free trash bags at the Town's annual trash bag distribution. The distribution officially started October 1. Each resident gets one free box of 100 trash bags per year. And residents as well as businesses can get all the blue recycling bags they can use all throughout the year.



The bag distribution takes place at the Warrenton Visitor Center, located at 33 N. Calhoun Street, seven days a week from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. To get your supply, you'll have to show identification that proves you're a Town of Warrenton resident.

The trash bags are for any kind of trash you have. But the blue bags are for the Town's highly successful Recycling Program. All you should put into these bags is glass bottles, plastic and household metals and cans. Once you've filled your blue bag, place it out on the curb or street side on recycling day and Town crews will take it for you. It's a simple and convenient way to be a part of the Town Recycling Program – something we should all be doing just because it's the right thing to do!

If you have questions about this year's trash and blue bag distribution, please call the Warrenton Visitor Center at (540) 341-0988. Got a question about the Recycling Program in general? Call Public Works at (540) 347-1858. ■



## Holiday Refuse Schedule

### Veterans Day – November 11

**Monday, 11/9/10** – Regular refuse collection  
**Tuesday, 11/10/10** – Regular refuse collection  
**Wednesday, 11/11/10** – Regular recycling collection  
 (cardboard, newspaper and blue bags)  
**Thursday, 11/12/10** – Holiday; no refuse collection  
**Friday, 11/13/10** – Thursday and Friday's refuse collection

### Thanksgiving – November 25

**Monday, 11/22/10** – Regular refuse collection  
**Tuesday, 11/23/10** – Regular refuse collection  
**Wednesday, 11/24/10** – Regular recycling collection  
 (cardboard, newspaper and blue bags)  
**\*Thursday, 11/25/10** – Holiday; no refuse collection  
**\*Friday, 11/26/10** – Holiday; no refuse collection

### Christmas – December 25

**Monday, 12/20/10** – Regular refuse collection  
**Tuesday, 12/21/10** – Regular refuse collection  
**Wednesday, 12/22/10** – Regular recycling collection  
 (cardboard, newspaper and blue bags)  
**Thursday, 12/23/10** – Thursday and Friday's refuse collection  
**\*Friday, 12/24/10** – Holiday; no refuse collection

### New Year's Day – January 1

**Monday, 12/27/10** – Regular refuse collection  
**Tuesday, 12/28/10** – Regular refuse collection  
**Wednesday, 12/29/10** – Regular recycling collection  
 (cardboard, newspaper and blue bags)  
**Thursday, 12/30/10** – Thursday and Friday's refuse collection  
**Friday, 12/31/10** – Holiday; no refuse collection

*There will be a refuse truck available at the Public Works Facility (360 Falmouth Street) during the holidays for anyone wishing to dispose of any excess trash.*

*\*There will be an additional refuse truck parked at the Town Police Department (333 Carriage House Lane) for Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. ■*

## To Burn Or Not To Burn...

*By Bob Hale, Building Official*

It's that time again -- pumpkins on the porch, sweaters in the mornings, and colorful leaves falling from the trees and the smell of smoke in the air.

Growing up in the north end of Richmond, I have fond memories of fall, when the neighborhood leaf collection was in full swing. Under the supervision of my Dad, we were in charge of stirring up the leaf piles to make sure that everything was burned. Then we would jump through the smoke into the path of on-coming traffic on a street that was so thick with smoke that the drivers probably couldn't see us anyway.

That was then, this is now, and the burning of leaves and brush is prohibited in most localities, as is the case in Warrenton. Within the Town limits, open burning is prohibited unless you obtain a permit from the Fire Official.

The State does allow burning of this type under certain conditions and when the requirements of the Virginia State-wide Fire Prevention Code are met.

This Code not only requires you to obtain a permit as noted above, it also requires that the location of the fire be at least 50 feet from any structure. Provisions must also be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure.

Additionally, a clause states that if the smoke is offensive or objectionable by anyone, then the Fire Official is obligated to have the fire extinguished. There is nothing quite like a pile of partially burnt leaves that has been saturated by the Fire Department to ruin a beautiful fall weekend.

But there is one small ray of hope for those that must have that ambiance of wood smoke. The Code does allow what it refers to as "recreational fires" under not quite as strict conditions. The distances are reduced to 25 feet, which will still be a stretch in the majority of areas in the Town.

There is still the chance that someone will find the smoke

offensive or objectionable, and you have to ask yourself, is it really worth the trouble.

Does Yankee Candle make a "Burning Fall Leaves" fragrance? ■



## A Brush “Brush-Up”

Along with fall leaves, a lot of branches can fall from above this time of year. Here's a reminder that the Town picks up brush and tree trimmings periodically throughout the year for residents or homeowners doing yard work. But here's the catch... it's just for yard waste you generate yourself. If you hire a contractor or landscaping company, it's their responsibility to remove the brush, logs and other tree debris they generate.

Here are a few things to remember to keep the Brush Collection Program running smoothly:

- ◆ Tree trimmings or brush should be placed on the shoulder of the road or at curbside, and not in the gutter.
- ◆ Tree limbs must be no larger than 8 inches in diameter and must be cut in lengths no greater than 8 feet in length.
- ◆ Town crews cannot take brush that is mixed with construction debris, or such items as stumps and roots with dirt attached. In other words, it's got to be clean, tree material only, because all of it gets fed through a chipper and turned into mulch.
- ◆ It would be really considerate if you'd place your stacks of brush and tree debris in neat piles that make it easy for Town workers to grab and feed into the chipper. ■



## The Magic Of Fall

The Town of Warrenton is perhaps at its loveliest in the fall. Colorful leaves, crisp temperatures and October blue skies make fall a wonderful time to trek through the Town on foot and take in its beauty.

There are several good spots in Warrenton to enjoy nature's colorful change and breathe the fresh air. During the fall you can find many Warrentonians taking a brisk walk with a friend or their dog on the Warrenton Greenway. For solitude and reflection, try a slow amble through the old Warrenton Cemetery on a fall morning. It's a peaceful place to collect your thoughts, visit with a lost loved one or absorb a little of Warrenton's rich Civil War history.

Rady Park is a terrific place to take the kids for a fall nature walk. See if they can spot the squirrels overhead, building bushy winter nests out of leaves. Show them the spiny horse chestnuts that fall this time of year. And of course, it's hard to beat the canvas of autumn colors all over the ground.

There are plenty of good places to stroll in the neighborhoods of Warrenton, too. You don't have to wait until Halloween to meander the streets and visit neighbors. Get out and enjoy our fair Town anytime during this gorgeous season. Warrenton is alive with fall color and beauty everywhere you look. ■



## Happy Thanksgiving



## Town Comprehensive Plan Update Underway

The Town of Warrenton has been busy with its update to the Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2002. The update process began in 2007 with the formation of several advisory committees and coordination with existing Boards and Commissions. Each group contributed to the development of the draft, which includes updates to the demographics, housing, community facilities, economic resources, historic resources, pedestrian and bicycle plan, transportation and circulation, and neighborhood design sections.

☛ **Planning Commission** – The Commission was responsible for the drafting of the comprehensive plan update and coordination of the various elements from the advisory committees.

☛ **Citizens Advisory Committee** – Appointed by the Town Council, this group worked with the Planning Commission to review data, identify neighborhoods, assess proposals and formulate ideas for the supplements to the comp plan.

☛ **Warrenton Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC)** – Established by Council, this group reviewed the transportation elements, consultant studies and proposals for incorporation into the Plan Update. They have also reviewed the Traffic Calming Program and recommended its approval.

☛ **Traffic Advisory Committee** – Appointed by the Town Council, this group worked with the WTSC to review traffic data, assess the strategy for arterial improvements and recommend specific neighborhood traffic improvements.

☛ **Pedestrian/Bike Plan Advisory Committee** – Appointed by Town Council, this group reviewed existing sidewalk and trail information; performed a survey of Town facilities; worked with the consultant study on priorities and costs; and developed a plan and implementation program for the Warrenton Capital Improvement Program.

☛ **Architectural Review Board** – The Board reviewed the Historic District, proposed expansion to protect areas adjacent to the designated District and created new Guidelines for the review of development application in the District. The Board was assisted by the University of Mary Washington, Department of Historic Preservation (faculty and students), which conducted a study of the Warrenton Historic District and recommended areas of expansion.

These committees began meeting on January 31, 2007 and continued monthly until the proposals and supplements for the 2008 Comprehensive Plan Update were complete and recommended to the Planning Commission. This work was concluded in December 2008 and the Commission continued their review in work session during the 2009 year. The Planning Commission approved the draft during a public hearing

on September 16, 2009.

The Town Council has been reviewing the plan draft during worksessions in 2010. A public hearing for community input is anticipated in January 2011, and would be held during the regular meeting of the Town Council. Public notification in the newspaper will occur prior to the public hearing.

A copy of the draft is available for review in the Planning & Community Development office in the lower level of Town Hall at 18 Court Street. If you have any questions regarding the Comprehensive Plan Update, please contact the Department of Planning & Community Development at (540) 347-2405. ■

### Annual Leaf Collection

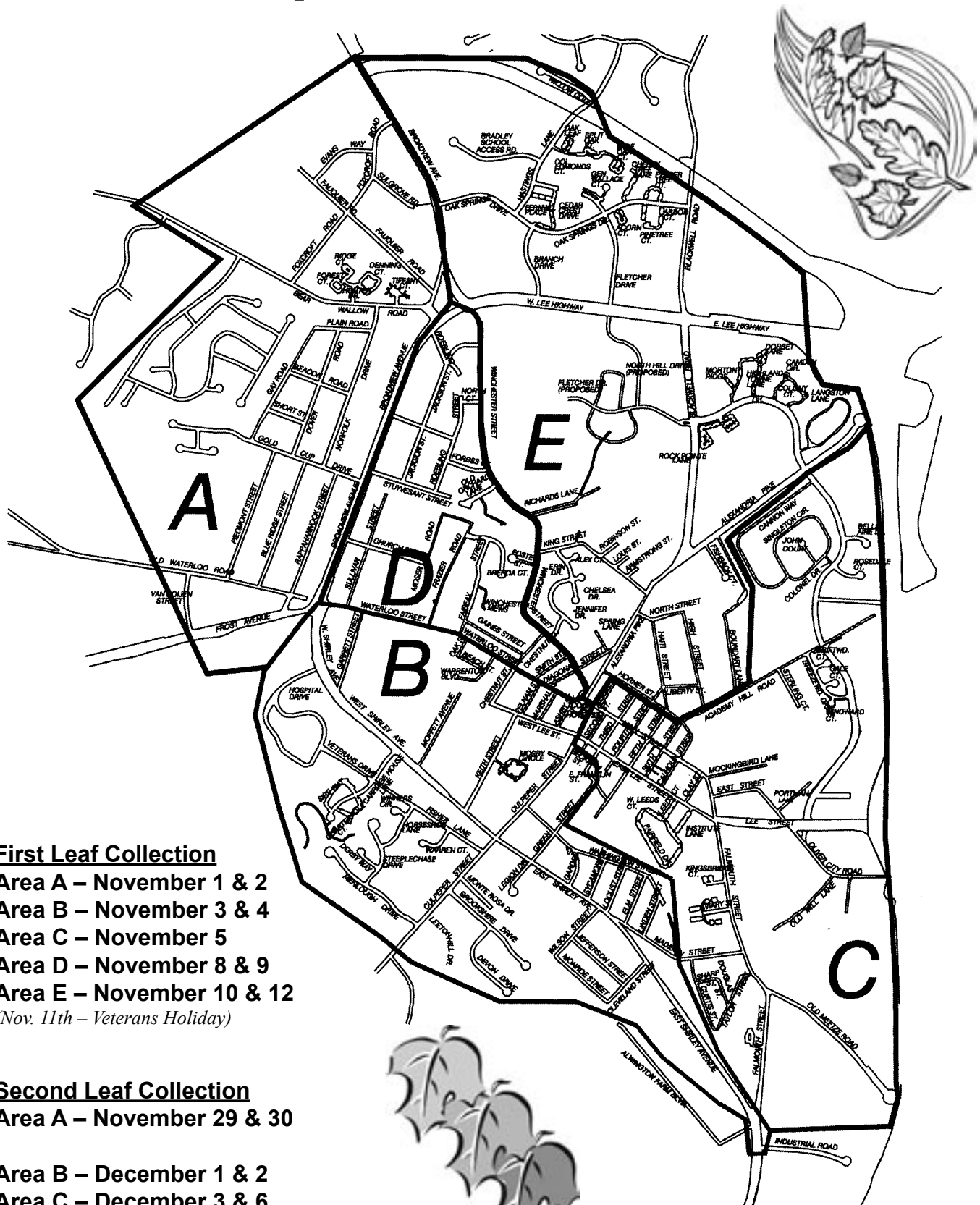
It's Annual Leaf Collection time again in the Town of Warrenton. The Town's first leaf collection is scheduled to run from November 1 – 12. If you can't get all your leaves raked by then, don't fret – we'll be back. The second collection is set for November 29 – December 10.

Just rake your leaves to the street line by 8:00 AM on their first scheduled pick-up day for your neighborhood. Be careful not to rake the leaves into ditches or gutters where they can clog rainwater flow. And be sure you locate your leaf piles where vehicles are not blocking them. These collections are just for leaves. Please don't put out brush, limbs, rocks or other debris with the leaves.

To find out what days Town crews will be in your area, see the schedule on page 7. And if you have any questions about this (or any other Town collection) call Public Works at (540) 347-1858. ■



# Town Map for Fall Leaf Collection



## First Leaf Collection

Area A – November 1 & 2

Area B – November 3 & 4

Area C – November 5

Area D – November 8 & 9

Area E – November 10 & 12

(Nov. 11th – Veterans Holiday)

## Second Leaf Collection

Area A – November 29 & 30

Area B – December 1 & 2

Area C – December 3 & 6

Area D – December 7 & 8

Area E – December 9 & 10



## Town Office Hours and Telephone Numbers

*Town Office Hours are 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM*

*The area code is 540 unless otherwise noted.*

Finance Department.....	347-1102
Inspections .....	347-2405
Maintenance Shop.....	347-1858
Police Department	
Office of the Chief .....	347-1105
Police Station .....	347-1107
Non-emergency .....	347-1100
<b>Emergency .....</b>	<b>911</b>
Planning and Zoning .....	347-2405
Recreation Department (Aquatic Center) .....	349-2520
Recycling .....	347-1858
Sewage Plant.....	347-1104
Town Hall.....	347-1101
Town Manager .....	347-4505
Utilities.....	347-6574
Water Bills .....	347-2678
Water Plant.....	347-1103
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